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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 2118

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, KU

SUBJ: APRIL OIL PRODUCTION STATISTICS

REF: KUWAIT 1680

1. KUWAIT OIL COMPANY PRODUCTION IN APRIL TOTALLED 57,000,000  
BARRELS OR 1.9 MILLION BPD. ALTHOUGH ARABIAN OIL COMPANY AND  
AMINOIL FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE, WE ASSUME THEIR PRODUCTION,  
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IF COUNTED, WOULD RAISE TOTAL AVERAGE DAILY KUWAITI CRUDE PRO-

DUCTION IN APRIL TO ABOUT 2.2 MILLION BPD, ABOUT 100,000 BPD LESS THAN MARCH DAILY AVERAGE.

2. KOC EXPORTS IN APRIL SHOWED SOME UNUSUAL PATTERNS. LARGEST IMPORTER DURING MONTH WAS JAPAN WHICH IMPORTED ALMOST 14 MILLION BARRELS OR ALMOST ONE-QUARTER KOC'S PRODUCTION. THIS IS LARGER PROPORTION THAN NORMAL. ON OTHER HAND, UK WHICH USUALLY LARGEST IMPORTER, RECEIVED ONLY 629,850 BARRELS KOC CRUDE IN APRIL. SHIPMENTS TO WESTERN HEMISPHERE WERE LARGER THAN NORMAL WITH 2.1 MILLION BARRELS GOING TO CANADA, 2.7 MILLION BARRELS GOING TO BRAZIL AND 319,000 BARRELS GOING TO URUGUAY. AFTER JAPAN LARGEST IMPORTERS IN APRIL WERE ITALY (5.5 MILLION BARRELS); FRANCE (4 MILLION BARRELS), IRELAND (3.4 MILLION BARRELS), SOUTH KOREA (3.3 MILLION BARRELS) AND NETHERLANDS (3.1 MILLION BARRELS).

3. COMMENT: WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF EXPORT SHIFTS WILL REMAIN OR WHETHER APRIL STATISTICS WILL BE AN EXCEPTION TO NORM. APPEARS THAT RECENTLY CONCLUDED DIRECT SALES BY GOK, FOR EXAMPLE TO BRAZIL, BEGINNING TO BE IMPLMENTED AS REVEALED BY EXPORT INFORMATION.

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